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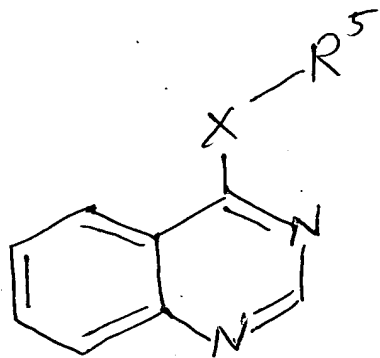
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$R^5$  = pyridyl or pyrimidyl ring  
(i.e. 6-membered Het. w/ 1-2 N atoms)

$X$  = O, S, S(O),  $NR^8$

$R^8$  = H or Ak

See also attached claim 1.

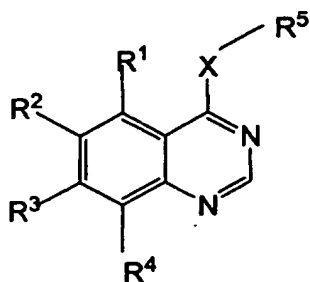
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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (I)

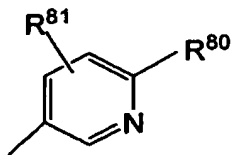


(I)

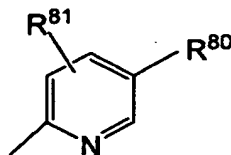
or a salt, ester, amide or prodrug thereof;

where X is O, or S, S(O), S(O)<sub>2</sub> or NR<sup>6</sup> where R<sup>6</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

R<sup>5</sup> is a group of sub-formula sub-formulae (i) or (ii)

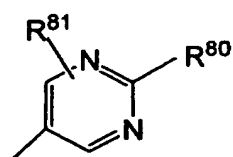


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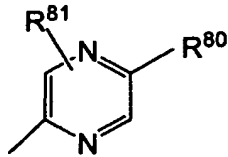


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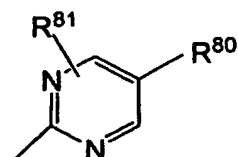
or a group of sub-formula (iii), (iv) or (v)



(iii)



(iv)



(v)

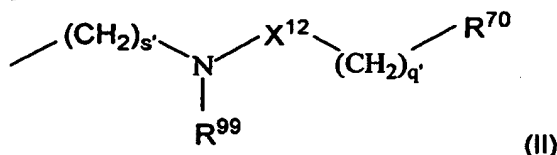
where R<sup>80</sup> is a substituent selected from at least 4 atoms comprising one or more of:

1) halo, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, optionally substituted C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxymethyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy)methyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkanoyl, carboxy, benzoyl, trifluoromethyl, cyano, amino, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkynyl, a phenyl group, a benzyl group or a 5-6 membered heterocyclic group with 1-3 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may be aromatic or non-aromatic and may be saturated (linked via a ring carbon or nitrogen atom) or unsaturated (linked via a ring

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carbon atom), and which phenyl, benzyl or heterocyclic group may bear on one or more ring carbon atoms up to 5 substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkanoyloxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, amino, nitro, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkanoyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkanoylamino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphanyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphinyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonyl, carbamoyl, N-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)carbamoyl, aminesulphonyl, N-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminesulphonyl, N,N-di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminesulphonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonylamino, and a saturated heterocyclic group selected from morpholino, thiomorpholino, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolidinyl and pyrazolidinyl, which saturated heterocyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from exo, hydroxy, halogeno, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkanoyloxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, amino, nitro and C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl;

21) a group of sub-formula (II)



where q' is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

s' is 0 or 1;

X<sup>12</sup> is C(O) or S(O<sub>2</sub>),

R<sup>70</sup> is hydrogen, hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, amino, N-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino, N,N-(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>amino, hydroxyC<sub>2-6</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-6</sub>alkoxy, aminoC<sub>2-6</sub>alkoxy, N-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>2-6</sub>alkoxy, N,N-(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>aminoC<sub>2-6</sub>alkoxy or C<sub>3-7</sub>cycloalkyl,

or R<sup>70</sup> is of the Formula (III):

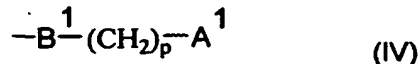


wherein J is aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclyl and K is a bond, oxy, imino, N-(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)imino, oxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylene, iminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylene, N-(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)iminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylene, -NHC(O)-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NH-, -NHSO<sub>2</sub>- or -NHC(O)-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylene-,

and any aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclyl group in a R<sup>70</sup> group ~~is may be~~ optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from hydroxy, oxo, halo, trifluoromethyl, cyano, mercapto, nitro, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, formyl, sulphamoyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, -O-(C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl)-O-, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylS(O)<sub>n</sub>- (wherein n is 0-2), N-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino, N,N-(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>amino, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, N-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>carbamoyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkanoyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkanoyloxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkanoylamino, N-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylsulphamoyl, N,N-(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>sulphamoyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylsulphonylamino and C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylsulphonyl-N-(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino,

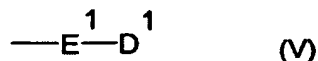
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or any aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclyl group in a R<sup>70</sup> group ~~is may be~~ optionally substituted with one or more groups of the Formula (IV):



wherein A<sup>1</sup> is halo, hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, cyano, amino, N-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino, N,N-(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>amino, carboxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, carbamoyl, N-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylcarbamoyl or N,N-(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>carbamoyl, p is 1 - 6, and B<sup>1</sup> is a bond, oxy, imino, N-(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)imino or -NHC(O)-, with the proviso that p is 2 or more unless B<sup>1</sup> is a bond or -NHC(O)-;

or any aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclyl group in a R<sup>70</sup> group ~~is may be~~ optionally substituted with one or more groups of the Formula (V):



wherein D<sup>1</sup> is aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclyl and E<sup>1</sup> is a bond, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylene, oxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylene, oxy, imino, N-(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)imino, iminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylene, N-(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)-iminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylene,

C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylene-oxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylene, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylene-iminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylene,

C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylene-N-(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)-iminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylene, -NHC(O)-, -NHSO<sub>2</sub>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NH- or

-NHC(O)-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylene-, and any aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclyl group in a substituent on R<sup>5</sup>

~~is may be~~ optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, halo, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl,

C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, carboxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, carbamoyl, N-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylcarbamoyl,

N-(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>carbamoyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkanoyl, amino, N-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino and N,N-(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>amino,

and any C<sub>3-7</sub>cycloalkyl or heterocyclyl group in a R<sup>70</sup> group ~~is may be~~ optionally substituted with one or two oxo or thioxo substituents,

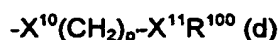
and any of the R<sup>70</sup> groups defined hereinbefore which comprises a CH<sub>2</sub> group which is attached to 2 carbon atoms or a CH<sub>3</sub> group which is attached to a carbon atom may optionally bear on each said CH<sub>2</sub> or CH<sub>3</sub> group a substituent selected from hydroxy, amino, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy,

N-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino, N,N-(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>amino and heterocyclyl;

or R<sup>70</sup> may be cycloalkenyl or alkenyl optionally substituted by aryl;

and R<sup>99</sup> is hydrogen or a group C(O)R<sup>70</sup> where R<sup>70</sup> is as defined above;

23) a group of sub-formula (d) or (e)

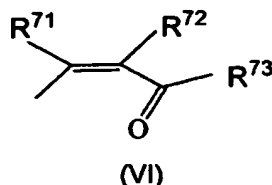


where p' is 1-3, X<sup>10</sup> and X<sup>11</sup> are independently selected from a bond, -O-, -S- or NR<sup>101</sup>- where R<sup>101</sup> is hydrogen or a C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, provided that one of X<sup>10</sup> or X<sup>11</sup> is a bond; ~~X<sup>13</sup> is O, S or NR<sup>102</sup>~~

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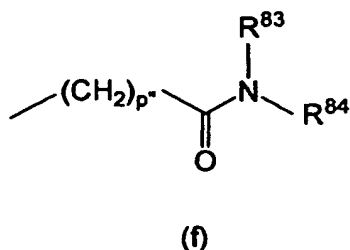
where  $R^{102}$  is hydrogen or a  $C_{1-3}$  alkyl and  $R^{100}$  is hydrogen or optionally substituted hydrocarbyl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl, wherein any optional substituents ~~are~~ may be functional groups;

3) [[4]] a group of formula (VI)



where  $R^{71}$  and  $R^{72}$  are independently selected from hydrogen or  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl, or  $R^{71}$  and  $R^{72}$  together form a bond, and  $R^{73}$  is a group  $OR^{74}$ ,  $NR^{75}R^{76}$  where  $R^{74}$ ,  $R^{75}$  and  $R^{76}$  are independently selected from optionally substituted hydrocarbyl or optionally substituted heterocyclic groups, and  $R^{75}$  and  $R^{76}$  may additionally form together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, an aromatic or non-aromatic heterocyclic ring which may contain further heteroatoms, wherein suitable optional substituents for hydrocarbyl or heterocyclic groups  $R^{74}$ ,  $R^{75}$  and  $R^{76}$  include functional groups and heterocyclic groups  $R^{74}$ ,  $R^{75}$  and  $R^{76}$  may further be substituted by a hydrocarbyl group; and

45) a group of sub-formula (f)



where  $p$  is 0 or 1 and  $R^{83}$  and  $R^{84}$  are independently selected from hydrogen, optionally substituted hydrocarbyl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl, or  $R^{83}$  and  $R^{84}$  together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring and where optional substituents for hydrocarbyl or heterocyclic groups  $R^{83}$  and  $R^{84}$  include functional groups and heterocyclic groups  $R^{83}$  or  $R^{84}$  may further be substituted by a hydrocarbyl group; and

$R^{81}$  is hydrogen, halo,  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy, cyano, or trifluoromethyl, or phenyl, and

$R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  are independently selected from halogeno, cyano, nitro,

$C_{1-3}$  alkylsulphonyl,  $-N(OH)R^7$ - (wherein  $R^7$  is hydrogen, or  $C_{1-3}$  alkyl), or  $R^9X^1$ - (wherein  $X^1$  represents a direct bond,  $-O-$ ,  $-CH_2-$ ,  $-OC(O)-$ ,  $-C(O)-$ ,  $-S-$ ,  $-SO-$ ,  $-SO_2-$ ,  $-NR^{10}C(O)-$ ,  $-C(O)NR^{11}-$ ,

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~~-SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>12</sup>-, -NR<sup>13</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>14</sup>- (wherein R<sup>10</sup>, R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup>, R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl)), provided that at least one of R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> is a group R<sup>9</sup>X<sup>1</sup>- and R<sup>9</sup> is selected from one of the following groups: and R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen, optionally substituted hydrocarbyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl or optionally substituted alkoxy where the optional substituents comprise at least one functional group; provided that at least one of R<sup>2</sup> or R<sup>3</sup> is other than hydrogen; and where a functional group is selected from nitro, cyano, halo, oxo, =CR<sup>78</sup>R<sup>79</sup>, C(O)<sub>x</sub>R<sup>77</sup>, OR<sup>77</sup>, S(O)<sub>y</sub>R<sup>77</sup>, NR<sup>78</sup>R<sup>79</sup>, C(O)NR<sup>78</sup>R<sup>79</sup>, OC(O)NR<sup>78</sup>R<sup>79</sup>, =NOR<sup>77</sup>, NR<sup>77</sup>C(O)<sub>x</sub>R<sup>78</sup>, NR<sup>77</sup>CONR<sup>78</sup>R<sup>79</sup>, -N=CR<sup>78</sup>R<sup>79</sup>, S(O)<sub>y</sub>NR<sup>78</sup>R<sup>79</sup> or NR<sup>77</sup>S(O)<sub>y</sub>R<sup>78</sup> where R<sup>77</sup>, R<sup>78</sup> and R<sup>79</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, optionally substituted hydrocarbyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl or optionally substituted alkoxy, or R<sup>78</sup> and R<sup>79</sup> together form an optionally substituted ring which optionally contains further heteroatoms such as oxygen, nitrogen, S, S(O) or S(O)<sub>2</sub>, where x is an integer of 1 or 2, y is 0 or an integer of 1-3 and where hydrocarbyl, heterocyclyl or alkoxy groups R<sup>77</sup>, R<sup>78</sup> and R<sup>79</sup> as well as rings formed by R<sup>78</sup> and R<sup>79</sup> are optionally substituted by halo, perhaloalkyl, mercapto, alkylthio, hydroxy, carboxy, alkoxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, cycloalkynyl, alkenyloxy, alkynyloxy, alkoxyalkoxy, aryloxy (where the aryl group may be substituted by halo, nitro, or hydroxy), cyano, nitro, amino, mono or di-alkyl amine, oximine or S(O)<sub>y</sub>R<sup>80</sup> where y is 0 or an integer of 1-3 and R<sup>80</sup> is a alkyl; and wherein hydrocarbyl is selected from alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, or combinations thereof.~~

1) hydrogen or C<sub>1-5</sub>alkyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, oxiranyl, fluoro, chloro, bromo and amino (including C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl and trifluoromethyl):

2) -R<sup>a</sup>X<sup>2</sup>C(O)R<sup>15</sup> (wherein X<sup>2</sup> represents -O- or -NR<sup>16</sup>- (in which R<sup>16</sup> represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl) and R<sup>15</sup> represents C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, -NR<sup>17</sup>R<sup>18</sup> or -OR<sup>19</sup> (wherein R<sup>17</sup>, R<sup>18</sup> and R<sup>19</sup> which may be the same or different each represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-5</sub>alkyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-5</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl)):

3) -R<sup>b</sup>X<sup>3</sup>R<sup>20</sup> (wherein X<sup>3</sup> represents -O-, C(O)-S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -OC(O)-, -NR<sup>21</sup>C(O)<sub>s</sub>-, -C(O)NR<sup>22</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>23</sup>-, -NR<sup>24</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>25</sup>- (wherein R<sup>21</sup>, R<sup>22</sup>, R<sup>23</sup>, R<sup>24</sup> and R<sup>25</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, hydroxy C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl and s is 1 or 2) and R<sup>20</sup> represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, phenyl or a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl group may bear 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyclopropyl, amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino,

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C<sub>1-4</sub>alkanoyl, di-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylthio, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C<sub>1-4</sub>cyanoalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>hydroxyalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>aminoalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy and a group -(O)<sub>f</sub>(R<sup>b</sup>)<sub>g</sub>D (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and D is a C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl group or a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl));

4) -R<sup>c</sup>X<sup>4</sup>R<sup>c</sup>X<sup>5</sup>R<sup>26</sup> (wherein X<sup>4</sup> and X<sup>5</sup> which may be the same or different are each -O-, C(O), -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -NR<sup>27</sup>C(O)<sub>s</sub>-, -C(O)<sub>s</sub>NR<sup>28</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>29</sup>-, -NR<sup>30</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>31</sup>- (wherein R<sup>27</sup>, R<sup>28</sup>, R<sup>29</sup>, R<sup>30</sup> and R<sup>31</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl and s is 1 or 2) and R<sup>26</sup> represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl);

5) R<sup>32</sup> (wherein R<sup>32</sup> is a 4-6-membered cycloalkyl or saturated heterocyclic ring (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cycloalkyl or heterocyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, cyanoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, cyclopropyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, carboxamido, C<sub>1-4</sub>aminoalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkanoyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy nitro, amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, trifluoromethyl, -C(O)NR<sup>38</sup>R<sup>39</sup>, -NR<sup>40</sup>C(O)R<sup>41</sup> (wherein R<sup>38</sup>, R<sup>39</sup>, R<sup>40</sup> and R<sup>41</sup>, which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl) and a group -(O)<sub>f</sub>(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)<sub>g</sub>ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a cyclic group selected from C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl or 5-6-membered saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from halo and C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl);

6) -R<sup>d</sup>R<sup>32</sup> (wherein R<sup>32</sup> is as defined hereinbefore);

7) -R<sup>e</sup>R<sup>32</sup> (wherein R<sup>32</sup> is as defined hereinbefore);

8) -R<sup>f</sup>R<sup>32</sup> (wherein R<sup>32</sup> is as defined hereinbefore);

9) R<sup>33</sup> (wherein R<sup>33</sup> represents a pyridone group, a phenyl group or a 5-6-membered aromatic heterocyclic group (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-3 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, which pyridone, phenyl or aromatic heterocyclic group may carry up to 5 substituents selected from hydroxy, nitro, halogeno, amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>hydroxyalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>aminoalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, C<sub>1-4</sub>hydroxyalkoxy, oxo, cyanoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, cyclopropyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,



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C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkanoyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, carboxy, carboxamido, trifluoromethyl, cyano, -C(O)NR<sup>38</sup>R<sup>39</sup>, -NR<sup>40</sup>C(O)R<sup>41</sup> (wherein R<sup>38</sup>, R<sup>39</sup>, R<sup>40</sup> and R<sup>41</sup>, which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl) and a group -(O)<sub>f</sub>(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)<sub>g</sub>ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a cyclic group selected from C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl or 5-6-membered saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from halo and C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl);

10) -R<sup>g</sup>R<sup>33</sup> (wherein R<sup>33</sup> is as defined hereinbefore);

11) -R<sup>h</sup>R<sup>33</sup> (wherein R<sup>33</sup> is as defined hereinbefore);

12) -R<sup>i</sup>R<sup>33</sup> (wherein R<sup>33</sup> is as defined hereinbefore);

13) -R<sup>j</sup>X<sup>6</sup>R<sup>33</sup> (wherein X<sup>6</sup> represents -O-, -C(O)-, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -OC(O)-, -NR<sup>38</sup>C(O)-, -C(O)NR<sup>39</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>40</sup>-, -NR<sup>41</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>42</sup>- (wherein R<sup>38</sup>, R<sup>39</sup>, R<sup>40</sup>, R<sup>41</sup> and R<sup>42</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl) and R<sup>33</sup> is as defined hereinbefore);

-R<sup>k</sup>X<sup>7</sup>R<sup>33</sup> (wherein X<sup>7</sup> represents -O-, C(O)-, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -NR<sup>43</sup>C(O)-, -C(O)NR<sup>44</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>45</sup>-, -NR<sup>46</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>47</sup>- (wherein R<sup>43</sup>, R<sup>44</sup>, R<sup>45</sup>, R<sup>46</sup> and R<sup>47</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl) and R<sup>33</sup> is as defined hereinbefore);

-R<sup>m</sup>X<sup>8</sup>R<sup>33</sup> (wherein X<sup>8</sup> represents -O-, -C(O)-, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -NR<sup>48</sup>C(O)-, -C(O)NR<sup>49</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>50</sup>-, -NR<sup>51</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>52</sup>- (wherein R<sup>48</sup>, R<sup>49</sup>, R<sup>50</sup>, R<sup>51</sup> and R<sup>52</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl) and R<sup>33</sup> is as defined hereinbefore);

16) -R<sup>n</sup>X<sup>9</sup>R<sup>n</sup>R<sup>33</sup> (wherein X<sup>9</sup> represents -O-, -C(O)-, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -NR<sup>53</sup>C(O)-, -C(O)NR<sup>54</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>55</sup>-, -NR<sup>56</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>57</sup>- (wherein R<sup>53</sup>, R<sup>54</sup>, R<sup>55</sup>, R<sup>56</sup> and R<sup>57</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl) and R<sup>33</sup> is as defined hereinbefore);

17) -R<sup>p</sup>X<sup>9</sup>-R<sup>p</sup>R<sup>32</sup> (wherein X<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>32</sup> are as defined hereinbefore);

18) C<sub>2-5</sub>alkenyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino,

N,N-di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, aminosulphonyl, N-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminosulphonyl and N,N-di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminosulphonyl;

19) C<sub>2-5</sub>alkynyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino,

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N,N-di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, aminosulphonyl, N-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminosulphonyl and

N,N-di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminosulphonyl;

20) -R<sup>x</sup>R<sup>y</sup>R<sup>z</sup> (wherein X<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>32</sup> are as defined hereinbefore);

21) -R<sup>u</sup>X<sup>9</sup>R<sup>v</sup>R<sup>32</sup> (wherein X<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>32</sup> are as defined hereinbefore); and

22) -R<sup>v</sup>R<sup>58</sup>(R<sup>v</sup>)<sub>q</sub>(X<sup>9</sup>)<sub>r</sub>R<sup>59</sup> (wherein X<sup>9</sup> is as defined hereinbefore, q is 0 or 1, r is 0 or 1, and R<sup>58</sup> is a C<sub>1-3</sub>alkylene group or a cyclic group selected from cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentylene, cyclohexylene or a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C<sub>1-3</sub>alkylene group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano,

C<sub>1-4</sub>cyanoalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>hydroxyalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,

C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>aminoalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino,

di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy,

di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy and a group -(O)<sub>f</sub>(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)<sub>g</sub>ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1

and ring D is a cyclic group selected from C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl or 5-6-membered saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from halo and C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl); and R<sup>59</sup>

is hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, or a cyclic group selected from cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected

from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C<sub>1-4</sub>cyanoalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>hydroxyalkyl,

C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>aminoalkyl,

C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,

C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy and a group -(O)<sub>f</sub>(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)<sub>g</sub>ringD

(wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and D is a cyclic group selected from C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl or 5-6-membered saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from halo and C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl);

and wherein R<sup>a</sup>, R<sup>b</sup>, R<sup>b'</sup>, R<sup>c</sup>, R<sup>c'</sup>, R<sup>d</sup>, R<sup>e</sup>, R<sup>f</sup>, R<sup>n</sup>, R<sup>n'</sup>, R<sup>p</sup>, R<sup>p'</sup>, R<sup>r</sup>, R<sup>u</sup>, R<sup>v</sup> and R<sup>v'</sup> are independently selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylene groups optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno, amino,

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R<sup>a</sup>, R<sup>b</sup>, R<sup>k</sup> and R<sup>t</sup> are independently selected from C<sub>2-8</sub>alkenylene groups optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno, amino, and R<sup>t</sup> may additionally be a bond; and

R<sup>f</sup>, R<sup>i</sup>, R<sup>m</sup> and R<sup>u</sup> are independently selected from by C<sub>2-8</sub>alkynylene groups optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno, amino; and where a functional group is selected from nitro, cyano, halo, oxo, =CR<sup>78</sup>R<sup>79</sup>, C(O)<sub>x</sub>R<sup>77</sup>, OR<sup>77</sup>, S(O)<sub>y</sub>R<sup>77</sup>, NR<sup>78</sup>R<sup>79</sup>, C(O)NR<sup>78</sup>R<sup>79</sup>, OC(O)NR<sup>78</sup>R<sup>79</sup>, =NOR<sup>77</sup>, -NR<sup>77</sup>C(O)<sub>x</sub>R<sup>78</sup>, -NR<sup>77</sup>CONR<sup>78</sup>R<sup>79</sup>, -N=CR<sup>78</sup>R<sup>79</sup>, S(O)<sub>y</sub>NR<sup>78</sup>R<sup>79</sup> or -NR<sup>77</sup>S(O)<sub>y</sub>R<sup>78</sup> where R<sup>77</sup>, R<sup>78</sup> and R<sup>79</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, optionally substituted hydrocarbyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl or optionally substituted alkoxy, or R<sup>78</sup> and R<sup>79</sup> together form an optionally substituted ring which optionally contains further heteroatoms such as oxygen, nitrogen, S, S(O) or S(O)<sub>2</sub>, where x is an integer of 1 or 2, y is 0 or an integer of 1-3 and where hydrocarbyl, heterocyclyl or alkoxy groups R<sup>77</sup>, R<sup>78</sup> and R<sup>79</sup> as well as rings formed by R<sup>78</sup> and R<sup>79</sup> are optionally substituted by halo, perhaloalkyl, mercapto, alkylthio, hydroxy, carboxy, alkoxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, cycloalkynyl, alkenyloxy, alkynyloxy, alkoxyalkoxy, aryloxy (where the aryl group may be substituted by halo, nitro, or hydroxy), cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di-alkyl amino, oximino or S(O)<sub>y</sub>R<sup>80</sup> where y is 0 or an integer of 1-3 and R<sup>80</sup> is a alkyl; and wherein hydrocarbyl is selected from alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, or combinations thereof.

2-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 15 wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> are independently selected from, halo, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, -NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup> (wherein R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup>, which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl), or other groups from formula -X<sup>1</sup>R<sup>9</sup> (wherein X<sup>1</sup> represents a direct bond, -O-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -OCO-, carbonyl, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -NR<sup>10</sup>CO-, -CONR<sup>11</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>12</sup>-, -NR<sup>13</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>14</sup>- (wherein R<sup>10</sup>, R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup>, R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl), and R<sup>9</sup> is selected from one of the following groups:

- 1') hydrogen or C<sub>1-5</sub>alkyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro or amino,
- 2') C<sub>1-5</sub>alkylX<sup>2</sup>C(O)R<sup>15</sup> (wherein X<sup>2</sup> represents -O- or -NR<sup>16</sup>- (in which R<sup>15</sup> represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl) and R<sup>16</sup> represents C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, -NR<sup>17</sup>R<sup>18</sup> or -OR<sup>19</sup> (wherein R<sup>17</sup>, R<sup>18</sup>